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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON THE
OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN LIMA

REFS: STATE 142729 AND 154688

1. ON AUGUST 9 EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WITH DR. LEONARDO ARIZAGA VEGA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS. DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING IN LIMA, ARIZAGA WAS IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY'S OAS DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS HIS OWN.

2. DR. ARIZAGA STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY POSTURING AND GENERAL STATEMENTS. HE SAID THAT THE REAL BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT ITS NEXT MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

3. THE MINISTRY IS GOING TO SEND SR. RAMIRO SILVA DEL POZO, THE DIRECTOR OF ITS OAS DEPARTMENT, TO WASHINGTON FOR THE MEETING. SILVA HAS THE RANK OF MINISTER.

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